This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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1-29. Canceled.

30. (currently amended) A radio frequency identification device, comprising:

an elongated and disposable flexible strap having first and second opposite ends and having a fastening opening in one of said ends;

securement means incorporating a fastening element engageable with said fastening opening to removably connect said strap for supporting and retaining said strap in a closed loop configuration encircling an object or an individual to be identified;

a radio frequency identification circuit carried by said securement means; and

an antenna carried by said strap, and coupling means for operatively and removably connecting said antenna with said radio frequency identification circuit when said securement means is connected to said strap, and for disconnecting said antenna from said radio frequency identification circuit when said securement means is disconnected from said strap;

said securement means with said radio frequency identification circuit carried thereby having said fastening element removable from said fastening opening prior to disposal of said strap, and being adapted for subsequent assembly and re-use with a replacement strap;

said fastening element comprising a boss located internally of said securement means, said strap first end having said fastening opening formed therein for removably attaching said strap first end to said boss, and said securement means further defining an opening extending therethrough for slide-through passage of said strap second end.

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